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Edward Garvey, the state's deputy attorney general, says any contact he had with the Central Intelligence Agency as a student was minor and is not an issue for future campaigns he would enter.

Garvey told the Milwaukee Journal in a copyrighted story Thursday that when he was president of the National Student Association he knew the CIA gave money to the group.

He was also active in the International Student Conference, which was also given money by the CIA.

"I can't believe that in the entire time I was involved in the NSA and the ISC that any information was ever relied on at any level of government or was passed on in any significant way," Garvey said.

The former head of the National Football League Players Association said any information the CIA got from him and other student leader was minor and no big deal.

However, he may run for the state Democratic Party's nomination for U.S. senator to face Republican incumbent Robert W. Kasten Jr. and other challengers are expected to bring his CIA connection up.

And Matthew J. Flynn, the current party chairman and a rival of Garvey's, may air that issue at the party convention in June. It will be June 7-8 in Eau Claire.

Now Garvey says he does not think the CIA should have any connection with the student groups except in time of war.

It was reported Thursday fund-raising events for Garvey will be held June 11 in Washington, D.C., and later in June in Kansas City, Mo.

Victor Kamber, president of The Kamber Group, a Washington political and labor consulting organization, told The Milwaukee Sentinel his firm was arranging the fund raisers.

The Kansas City fund-raiser will be hosted by Tom Condon, a player for the Kansas City Chiefs pro football team and current president of the football players union, Kamber said. Garvey formerly was the union's organizer.

Host for the Washington fund-raiser will be former Sen. John Culver, D-Iowa, Kamber said.